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(TEXT) JUST FOR THE SAKE OF SPREADING SOME MORE CONFUSION, A.P. PUT ON ANOTHER DISPATCH LATER MONDAY NIGHT. IT CAME OUT THREE HOURS LATER, AT EXACTLY 2015 HOURS, AND THIS TIME IT WAS DATED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. IT REPORTED THAT AN EXILE GROUP CLAIMED THAT IT HAD ATTACKED A CUBAN VESSEL ON ITS WAY TO HAVANA FROM CANADA. THE ATTACK, A.P. REPORTED, HAD TAKEN PLACE NEAR CAYO SAL IN THE BAHAMAS A WEEK BEFORE. THE SAME CABLE CARRIED YET ANOTHER BIT OF CONFUSING INFORMATION. IT CLAIMED THAT THE "COMMANDOS MANBISES" HAD SABOTAGED A RUSSIAN SHIP ANCHORED AT THE CUBAN PORT OF CABANAS.

ON TUESDAY, AFTER IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THE CAPTAIN AND TWO OFFICERS HAD BEEN MURDERED AND THAT THE SURVIVORS WERE MACHINEGUNNED NAZI-STYLE WHILE THEY WERE SWIMMING FOR THEIR LIVES, MANUEL ARTIME, THE CIA GOLDEN BOY, BACKPADDED SWIFTLY AND DENIED ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK.

ON THE SAME DAY, UPI REPORTED THAT A CUBAN COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY GROUP CALLED "THE SECRET ORGANIZATION FOR CONTINENTAL ACTION" CLAIMED IN MIAMI THAT IT HAD TORPEDOED THE SPANISH FREIGHTER AND LEFT IT BURNING. THE ORGANIZATION SAID, ACCORDING TO UPI: THIS IS THE START OF A SERIES OF ATTACKS WITHOUT WARNING ON ANY SHIP, REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY, WHICH TRADES WITH CUBA.

FROM ALL THE CONFUSION, ONE THING IS CLEAR: THE ATTACKERS HAD TO BE FOUND AMONG THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY CUBAN GROUPS WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES ON ORDERS FROM THE CIA. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST SUCH ATTACK. JUST A YEAR AGO, ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1963, THE BRITISH FREIGHTER NEW LANE WAS ATTACKED OFF THE CUBAN PORT OF CAIBARIEN BY A FAST LAUNCH. IT WAS BOMBED AND MACHINEGUNNED. ON 10 APRIL 1963, THE SOVIET FREIGHTER BAKU WAS HIT BY A BOMB AND LATER MACHINEGUNNED BY A PIRATE LAUNCH, ALSO NEAR THE PORT OF CAIBARIEN. ON 20 MARCH OF LAST YEAR, THE SOVIET FREIGHTER LVOV WAS ATTACKED WITH CANNON FIRE FROM ANOTHER PIRATE LAUNCH WHILE DOCKING AT THE CUBAN PORT OF ISABELA DE SAAGUA.

THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE PIRATE ATTACKS CARRIED OUT AGAINST UNARMED MERCHANT SHIPS BY COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY GROUPS SPONSORED BY THE CIA, WHICH PROVIDES THEM WITH FAST SHIPS, MINES, CANNONS, MACHINEGUNS, AND ALL THE DEADLY TOOLS OF THE TRADE. WHERE ELSE COULD THEY GET THE WEAPONS AND MONEY? WHAT CARIBBEAN PEOPLE BESIDES PUERTO RICO, NICARAGUA, AND UNITED STATES COULD THE PIRATES USE AS THEIR BASES? WHO ELSE IS TO GAIN ANYTHING BY THE ATTACKS ON FREIGHTERS OF NATIONS TRADING WITH CUBA BUT THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WAS BLACKLISTED ANY SHIP TRAVELLING TO CUBA AND WHICH IS CONTINUALLY PUTTING PRESSURE ON ITS OWN ALLIES TO STOP ALL TRADE WITH CUBA?

THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS ALL POINT IN ONE DIRECTION: THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, GUILTY OF PIRACY ON THE HIGH SEAS, GUILTY OF MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS, A THOUSAND TIMES GUILTY OF AGGRESSION. CUBA RESOLUTELY DENOUNCES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR THIS NEW PIRATICAL ACTION, FOR THIS WANTON MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS, AND PLACES ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES THAT MAY DERIVE FROM THIS ACTION SQUARELY ON THE PRESENT U.S. ADMINISTRATION.

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